

**Remarks**  
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[001] This is in response to the Examiner's Letter dated 31 August 2007.

[002] Amendments

Please enter the amended claims 1-15, as attached.

Also attached is an (informal) copy of the previous (as-examined) version of the claims, for convenience, showing the amendments to the claims.

Please note that clause [18] of as-examined claim 1 is removed. By my mistake, clause [18] simply repeated clause [16]. Similarly, clause [17] of as-examined claim 18 is removed, as it repeated clause [15].

[003] We reply to the objections made in section 1 of the E/L as follows.

1. The amendments filed with the letter dated 18.04.2006 introduce subject-matter which extends beyond the content of the application as filed, contrary to Article 123(2) EPC.

It is our position that the amended claims, as now presented, do not introduce subject-matter which extends beyond the content of the application as filed, contrary to Art 123(2).

In the case of some of the further amendments we now make, we do not concede that the as-examined April-2006 version of the claims did introduce subject-matter which extended beyond the content of the application as filed, but we have made the amendments anyway.

However, in the case of some of the instances in which the EPO has characterised our April-2006 amendments as introducing new subject-matter, we feel the EPO is -- with respect -- mistaken, and we contend that the amendments can stand. We review these instances as follows.

[004] The amendments concerned are the following:

1a. In claim 1 some features were introduced that are not unambiguously derivable from the description and figures 1 and 2 and that are even contradictory: